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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRASILIA 5700 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 10 JUL 75
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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOB REACTION TO PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE PLAN

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

1. IN MY MEETING TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR PAULO CABRAL DE
MELLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
IN THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, I WENT OVER THE
SPECIFIC PLAN FOR RESUMING THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE
THAT HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY PEREZ GUERRERO (AS WELL AS IRAN
AND SAUDI ARABIA) AND WHICH I CABLED YOU ABOUT FROM CARACAS.
CABRAL DE MELLO FOUND THE PLAN TO BE VERY MUCH IN ACCORD
WITH THE GENERAL THINKING OF THE GOB, BUT SAID THERE WAS
NOT YET A FIRM GOB POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. INTERESTED
MINISTERS, INCLUDING SILVEIRA AND OTHERS, HAVE BEEN
MEETING TO DEVELOP A GOB POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND CABRAL
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DE MELLO SAID THEY SHOULD REACH A CONCLUSION SOON.

2. CABRAL DE MELLO ALSO SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SILVIERA HAD MET IN BONN WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO AND THAT "THE GERMAN GOVT HAD SOME SPECIFIC IDEAS OF ITS OWN ON HOW THE DIALOGUE MIGHT BE RESUMED.." CABRAL DE MELLO'S IMPLICATION WAS THAT THESE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT FROM THE PLAN I HAD PRESENTED TO HIM, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT FORTHCOMING AS TO THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE GERMAN IDEAS.

3. I EXPLAINED THAT GERMANY HAD IN EFFECT, APPROVED OUR PLAN BY THEIR AGREEMENT TO IT IN THE IEA ON JULY 1. HOWEVER, I SUGGEST THAT YOU EXPLORE THIS AREA WITH THE GOVT OF GERMANY WHEN YOU ARE IN BONN TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ON THE SAME TRACK THAT WE ARE.

4. COMMENT: FROM MY CONVERSATION TODAY, I BELIEVE THAT THE GOB WILL ACCEPT THE PLAN THAT WE ARE PROPOSING WITHOUT SUGGESTING CONSIDERATION OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT SUGGEST TO OTHERS THAT THE GOB HAS REACHED SUCH A CONCLUSION UNTIL THEIR FORMAL POSITION IS MADE CLEAR. CABRAL DE MELLO DID AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE IDEA THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS CONSONANT WITH GOB THINKING ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCER/ CONSUMER DIALOGUE AT THIS TIME. I EXPECT TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF THIS WHEN I MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TOMORROW.
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